Hindustan Photofilms Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (HPF) has not incurred expenditure in the recent past (five years) for the transfer of technology for the manufacture of Black & White films.

Closure of Rohtas Industries Ltd.

† 2117-B. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the units of M/s Rohtas Industries Ltd., in Dalmianagar (Bihar), had been closed down by its owners arbitrarily leaving hundreds of its workers jobless and starving;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Supreme Court has been issuing directions from time to time *inter alia* to provide financial relief to such workers; and

(c) if so, the details of such directions of the hon'ble Court *vis-a-vis* status of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The case of Rohtas Industries Limited, which has been lying closed since July, 1984, due to the interplay of various factors, came up for hearing in the Supreme Court on 24.10.1989, when, the Court gave certain directions to the State Government of Bihar and the Central Government for reopening the three units namely, Cement, Asbestos and Vanaspati of the RIL. In compliance with the said order of the Supreme Court, the Central Government has released Advance Plan Assistance of Rs. 20 crores to the State Government for acquisition of the assets and preoperative expenses. The basic responsibility for reviving and managing the unit rests with the State Government who have been directed by the Court to take necessary actions. The Rehabilitation Commissioner for Rohtas Industries Limited has informed the Supreme Court that he has started disbursing some amounts to the factory workers.

The directions given by the Supreme Court are to be complied with by the Bihar Government and the Rehabilitation Commissioner appointed by it. They are reporting compliance to the Court.

† Previously Unstarred Question 1833 transferred from the 25th May, 1990

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair]

I. **Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Automotive Research Association of India, Pune and related papers**

II. **Report and Accounts (1988-89) of the Indian Rubber Manufacturer's Research Association, Thane, and related papers**

III. **Notification of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development)**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Automotive Research Association of India, Pune, for the year 1988-89, together with Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the Report.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. Lt—955/90 for (a) and (b)]

II. (a) Thirtieth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Rubber Manufactures' Research Association, Thane, for the year 1988-89, together with Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Associa-